

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 11 and 16 have been amended. Claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-15 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16-18 are pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action, starting on page 2, numbered paragraph 3, claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Devins et al. (U.S. Patent 6,762,761) and Matsumoto (U.S. Patent 5,835,765). The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-15 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Claims 1 and 16 recite "files that show various operation statuses of the computer system in which each file corresponds to each operation status and each operation status represents what process is currently under execution ... and storing the prepared files" (*e.g.* claim 1, lines 3-6). As acknowledged by the Office Action on page 4, line 6, Devins et al. "does not explicitly teach storing operation statuses", but that column 2, lines 51-67 of Matsumoto allegedly taught "a system of computer operation management wherein operation statuses of running application programs are stored as log files" (page 4, lines 7-9 of the Office Action). However, what is described in Matsumoto is a "computer operation management system [that] comprises ... a log file for recording log data when a program starts or ends, and when an error occurs" (column 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Matsumoto describes a computer system that logs all errors into a single log file and not "files that show various operation statuses of the computer system in which each file corresponds to each operation status and each operation status represents what process is currently under execution ... and storing the prepared files" as recited in claims 1 and 16.

Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1 and 16 as well as claims 6 and 11, which depend from claim 1, are patentably distinguishable over Devins et al. and Matsumoto, alone or in combination.

Claim 17 recites "automatically recognizing operation statuses of the computer system in which each operation status represents a process currently under execution ... creating a file for the process that indicates the operation status for the process" at lines 3-5. For the reasons discussed above, it is submitted that claim 17 as well as claim 18, which depends therefrom, are patentably distinguishable over Devins et al. and Matsumoto, alone or in combination.

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There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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